GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES IN MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Telephone exchanges functioning in Madhya Pradesh are connected with Optical Fibre Cables (OFC);

(b) if not, the position as on 28.2.2003; and

(c) by when all these telephone exchanges are likely to be connected with optical fibre in the state?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The position regarding provision of Optical Fibre Cable to Telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh is as follows:

(i) Total number of exchanges 2741

(ii) Number of exchanges connected with Optical Fibre Cable 2384

(iii) Number of exchanges on other reliable media like Microwave and Satellite 298

(iv) Number of exchanges on media like Overhead and VHF 59

(c) Out of the 59 exchanges with Overhead/ VHF media, 44 exchanges will be provided with Optical Fibre Cable and 15 exchanges will be provided with other reliable media like Microwave and Satellite during 2003-2004. There is no plan to connect all exchanges with Optical Fibre Cable.